

TO PUT A STOP TO IRISH MURDERS

Bonar Law Announces Home Rule Bill Is to Be Proceeded With.

SAYS MAYOR IS NOT FED

Chief Secretary Declares Conditions Are Improving and Forces Efficient.

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The Irish situation, which a week ago was looked upon as the greatest and most important question to come before the House, was dismissed this evening when the House met after the holidays with only a few remarks and there were passed over quickly. For instance, when he was asked if it was true that Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, had been fasting inrixton Prison for sixty-eight days, during which time he had received absolutely no food but was still "going strong," Andrew Bonar Law, Government spokesman in the House, responded on behalf of the Government: "To the best of our knowledge such are the facts."

Answering a question, Malone, Liberal, who asked if the Government intended to continue the "police murder reprisals," Bonar Law replied: "It is the intention of the Government to continue to put down the policy of murder."

The Government leader also insisted that the Government intended to proceed with the Government of Ireland bill. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, replied to a question regarding Michael Fitzgerald, the hunger striker in the Corp prison who died Sunday, one of the members wanting to know if Fitzgerald had ever been brought to trial. Sir Hamar said Fitzgerald was accused of murder and was brought before a magistrate court, but it was impossible then to draw up a jury in Ireland, no matter how true might be the bill which had been returned, whereupon Fitzgerald was remanded for trial, but went on a hunger strike, and owing to his illness it was impossible to bring him into court. He declared it was not true that the Government had no evidence against Fitzgerald, but, to the contrary, it was a fact that there was much impressive evidence against him.

Despite the fact that about two score men and women were marching in front of the House of Commons with signs aloft reading, "No Reprisals," and that other persons were similarly protesting against the trend of Irish affairs, the House quickly passed the bill, and Sir Hamar read figures relating to killings and other outrages committed by the Sinn Fein identical with the list printed in THE NEW YORK HERALD ten days ago (118 policemen, 13 soldiers killed; 129 policemen, 66 soldiers wounded since January 1), but there was nothing in his remarks to indicate that the Government intended to change its Irish policy, which was resolved to bring about law and order on the island whatever might be the protests or the cost.

Sir Hamar said that conditions in Ireland were improving steadily and that recruiting for the Royal Irish Constabulary was better than in a long time, while the forces of the Crown were better organized and more effective than ever before. He declared that they were discharging their duty and bringing to justice all persons responsible for outrages. He was loudly cheered when he remarked that the volunteers in the Irish service were mostly one-time officers and service men. He said these forces were successfully grappling with an organized and brutal campaign of murder in Ireland.

MAC SWINEY IS URGED TO TAKE MEDICINE

Doctors Want Him to Prevent Attack of Scurvy.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—A bulletin issued this evening by the Irish Self-determination League, says: "Lord Mayor MacSwiney passed a restless day (sixty-eighth day of his hunger strike). The doctor again was summoned and urged him strongly to take lime juice against the scurvy. This led to an altercation which excited the patient and left him exhausted, but tonight he was more settled and his condition generally unchanged."

THREE SINN FEINERS KILLED IN REPRISALS

'Black and Tans' Involved—Brothers Are Slain.

BALLYDAVIN, Ireland, Oct. 19.—At Ballydavon, County Tipperary, two sons of a farmer named Dwyer, alleged to have been associated with the Sinn Fein and volunteer movement, last night were taken from their house to the farmyard and shot.

DROGHEDA, Oct. 19.—At three o'clock this morning repeated volleys were fired from rifles by "Black and Tans" who arrived in military motors. During the shooting one civilian was wounded. Several raids were made by the invaders and eight men were arrested.

BALLYGAR, County Galway, Oct. 19.—A party of "Black and Tan" police, searching the district Monday night in connection with the murder of a member of the constabulary, are reported to have called a man named Patrick Boyle to his door, where he was shot dead by masked men.

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SUICIDE VERDICT GIVEN IN HUNGER STRIKE CASE

Dramatic Scene at Funeral of Fitzgerald.

CORK, Oct. 19.—The verdict rendered today by the military court of inquiry into the death of Michael Fitzgerald, the first of the hunger strikers to die in Cork jail, was that "the deceased, of sound mind, deliberately caused his own existence to end and did feloniously kill himself."

The governor of the jail testified that Fitzgerald took no food for sixty-eight days. The condition of the other hunger strikers has become worse or the whole, as the result of depression among the men caused by the death of Fitzgerald. Joseph Murphy, who was very low Monday, has died as the result of medical treatment, but his case is still regarded as the most critical.

Severe collapses were suffered by two of the strikers, Donovan and Kenny, early this morning. Sean Hennessy, Rilly and Upton are also in a critical state. To prevent Irish volunteers marching in the funeral procession when Fitzgerald's body was taken from the church here to Fermoy a large force of military surrounded the church and six lorry loads of soldiers and an armored car all in behind the mourners' carriages following the coffin. Volunteers in lone rows, holding hands, lined Patrick street on both sides to make a path for the funeral.

A dramatic scene was witnessed in the church just before the removal of Fitzgerald's body. The requiem mass was being celebrated when an army officer with drawn revolver, accompanied by four soldiers with rifles, forced a way through the throng in the entrance, marched up to the altar rail and presented to the officiating priest a typewritten communication from great headquarters stating that the number of persons in the funeral procession must be limited to 100, none of whom would be allowed to march in military formation.

IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS ASSAIL BRITISH TERROR

Urge Right to Choose Their Own Government.

DUBLIN, Oct. 19.—The Irish Catholic bishops met today at Maynooth, with Cardinal Logue presiding, and the entire hierarchy signed a resolution denouncing "terrorism, partiality and failure as characteristics of the present Irish Government."

The bishops recall in the resolution that "when the country was crimeless" the bishops warned the Government against oppressive measures. They declared "it is not a question of hasty reprisals, but of indiscriminate hate of savages, deliberately wreaked on the whole countryside, without any proof of complicity in crime, by those ostensibly employed to protect lives and property."

The resolution declares that the press is gagged, that public meeting is interdicted and that inquiries are suppressed. It also says there has been brutal treatment of clergymen and that the barring of Archbishop Mannix was "one of the most unwise steps oppression could take."

The bishops demand a full inquiry into the situation and urge the right of Ireland to choose its own Government.

BELGIAN-BRAZILIAN PACT

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—Belgium and Brazil have signed a commercial and financial agreement as a sequel of the visit of King Albert to Brazil, says a Brussels despatch to the *Handelsblad*.

POLAND SURPRISED AT ALLIES' DEMAND

Says to Enforce Possession of Vilna by Lithuania Ehtails Conflict.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Times learns that the Polish Government, replying to the Anglo-French communication, expresses surprise that Great Britain and France should consider it their duty to enforce possession of Vilna by Lithuania.

This decision, it is pointed out, would give rise to further conflicts and uprisings in the Polish army. Poland estimates too highly the loyalty of the Poles, it is declared, to imagine that advantage will be taken of her difficulties to advocate the re-nunciation of Vilna.

The Warsaw Government urgently appeals to the Allies not to place difficulties in the way of the reconstruction of Poland.

ASK POLES TO DISAVOW OCCUPATION OF VILNA

France and Britain Warn of Future Action.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—A note with regard to the Vilna situation, handed to the Polish Government Sunday by the French and British representatives in Warsaw, declared the allied Governments considered the occupation of Vilna contrary to the armistice with Lithuania concluded through the mediation of the League of Nations and contrary to the assurances given by Poland to the Allies and the League of Nations. The note is friendly but firm in tone.

Both the Governments expressed the opinion that Poland should completely disavow Gen. Zeligowski's action and thus give satisfaction to the League of Nations, whose authority, it was pointed out, had been shaken. The note said if the situation were not quickly cleared up the British and French Governments would have to consider what further line of action might be necessary.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—Gen. Zeligowski, adviser to official quarters show, has issued a proclamation in which he said the Allies were insufficiently informed of the situation at Vilna. He was compelled by circumstances, he said, to take the action he did. He was sure the Polish people sympathized with him, but on account of the international situation it was impossible for him, he added, to have direct intercourse with the Polish Government, and hence communications with Warsaw were cut.

CHIEF RABBI WITH POLES.

WARSAW, Oct. 19.—The War Ministry has announced the creation of a special post for a chief rabbi with the Polish military forces.

TURKS HALTED IN ARMENIA.

Nationalist Forces Stop Advance 105 Miles From Erzerum.

TRIPOLI, Transcaucasia, Oct. 14 (delayed).—The Turkish Nationalist advance on Kara, 105 miles northeast of Erzerum, Armenia, has temporarily halted.

Baku, the important port on the west coast of the Caspian Sea, was stripped by the Bolsheviks before they evacuated the town.

TROTSKY ASSASSINATION LIKELY, SAYS REFUGEE

Arrival From Petrograd Believes Red Collapse Near.

Possible overthrow of the Bolshevik regime in Russia during the winter is foreseen by Leon Aisenstein, lawyer, who has lived twenty-seven years in Petrograd. He, his wife and daughter left that city eight weeks ago disguised as peasants and arrived here yesterday aboard the Norwegian-American liner Stavangerfjord.

Lenine is feared and not loved, he said. A rumor is widespread that he and Trotsky have fallen out. Many persons would not be surprised to hear soon that Trotsky has been murdered, the lawyer said.

KING ALEXANDER GOING INTO COMA

Congestion of Lungs Persists and Temperature Is High.

ATHENS, Oct. 19.—At 10 o'clock this morning the condition of King Alexander showed little change. The congestion of the lungs persists, drowsiness is taking the form of coma. The King's temperature was reported as 102, pulse 124, respiration 34.

Dr. Vical, the French specialist, left for Paris today. Adolph, the Crown Prince of Sweden, arrived in Athens last night. He is observing the strictest quarantine.

The Athens newspapers continue to speculate on Alexander's successor.

should his illness terminate fatally. It seems that Prince Charles of Belgium, younger son of King Albert and Queen Elisabeth, is the favorite.

Opposition journals point out the natural heir to the throne under the constitution would be Prince Paul, brother of King Alexander and third son of former King Constantine. Many believe Prince Paul may be invited to assume the position upon the condition that his father and elder brother, Prince George, Duke of Sparta, renounce their claims.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—A noted surgeon, whose name has not been disclosed, left here for Athens to-night by special train in answer to an urgent summons from the bedside of King Alexander. It is understood that he will attempt a further operation on the King.

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